

Figs. 8 and 9 and described beginning at the bottom of Col. 21. In this example, the compensation layers have minimum retardation values with projected directions 82Ma and 82Mb forming an angle in the range of 90 to 180 degrees (col. 22, lines 29,30).

The second example is shown in Figs. 10 and 11 and described beginning at the middle of Col. 22. In this example, the compensation layers have minimum retardation values with projected directions 102Ma and 102Mb forming an angle in the range of 0 to 90 degrees (col. 22, lines 64,65).

Applicants' range brackets the example given in the specification of 90 degrees, i.e., Applicants teach that the angle may extend **above and below 90 degrees** to the specified amounts. Neither of Ito's ranges anticipate this teaching. The range of 0-90 degrees does not allow angles above 90, and the range of 90-180 degrees does not allow angles below 90.

Moreover, these two separate examples cannot be combined to arrive at a single range of 0-180 degrees, and then say that Applicants' single range of 60-120 degrees is anticipated, because there is nothing in the teachings of Ito to support such a combination.

Neither does Ito suggest Applicants' claims under 35 USC 103, since there is a total lack of appreciation for the range of angles taught and claimed by Applicants.

Accordingly, it is felt that the claims are patentable over Ito, and it is urged that the rejection be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.



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